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The view from Guadeloupe

The four Western leaders meeting in the Caribbean sunshine in the past few days have had their choice of crises to discuss.

Iran, certainly, must have cast the longest shadow: here was a strife-torn country, in which the West has invested so much money and prestige, whose crisis stems in no small part from precisely the way those investments have been used, and whose rising tides the West can do so little to tame.

The West's relationships with the two Communist superpowers are likewise in an unpredictable state of change. The U.S. may have pointed with pride to its new ties with Peking, and Britain may have chimed in with its intention to push ahead with big arms and trade deals with China, but West Germany was on hand to remind its allies that while this was all very well, the process of normalisation with China must not be pursued at a pace that might slow the long march towards detente with the Soviet Union. And if any reminder was needed as to the precariousness of this latter pursuit, the four leaders had only to study the dragging pace of strategic arms limitation talks, discussed in a commentary elsewhere on this page.

We can also be sure that Middle East developments, besides Iran, figured prominently in the seaside talks. Once again, there was not much for the Western leaders to be cheerful about: factional bloodletting in Turkey, security jitters in the Gulf, expanding Soviet influence in Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa—and of course the stalled Egyptian-Israeli treaty negotiations.

On this latter point, we can only hope that the three European leaders, who have each met His Majesty King Hussein in recent weeks, will have been able to raise with President Carter the very sensible arguments which the King had addressed to them on the Arab position after Baghdad: that peace is desirable, that peace is possible on the sound basis of Resolution 242 and the recognition of Palestinian rights, that the Camp David approach must not be seen as the only road to a settlement, and that the impetus to peace must be regained via a multi-party approach, perhaps involving a return to Geneva. If that message gets across, and if it is acted upon by the Big Four, then there need not necessarily be such gloom in the West—at least not as far as our region is concerned.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I says editorially Saturday that the western world is now focussing its attention on the Guadeloupe summit in view of the close links of the subjects under discussion there with the future of the economic situation in the West due to the Iranian political crisis. However, the paper says the U.S. administration is still showing a certain amount of interest in the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations crisis. In order to facilitate the task for the Americans concerning the stalled negotiations, President Anwar Sadat yesterday reaffirmed that "there were no remaining problems obstructing the resumption of peace talks with Israel."

Swiftly came Israel's answer which "calls for optimism over the resumption of negotiations to their successful end." Sources close to Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin said that if negotiations with Egypt continued to be frozen for a long time and for no apparent reason, Israel would introduce the self-rule plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip by stages without waiting for signing a peace treaty with Egypt. Thus, the newspaper adds, Israel wants to apply the self-rule unilaterally without consulting Egypt. Israel seems to be intent to denigrate President Sadat in the sight of the Arabs so that "he would find no other friend except Israel and no other peace other than the one based on sacrificing the Arab cause."

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The newspaper says it seems that both Egypt and Israel are eager to display their readiness to resume negotiations in a bid to "win world opinion." It is as if the declaration of such a desire has become a "tactic" in which Egypt and Israel compete, without the emergence of any sign indicating that the causes which led to the deadlock have been eliminated.

These reasons, which are well-known, stem not only from Israel's rejection to link self-rule and the proposed peace treaty, but also from the vital difference between the nature of the plan from an Egyptian and Israeli point of view. This difference goes back to Israel's refusal to recognise the Palestinian people's right to self-determination, to withdraw from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and its insistence to keep the Jewish settlements and to continue the settlement process in the future. In view of these fundamental disparities, the preaching of an imminent resumption of the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks appear unintelligible and it is difficult to find an objective significance for it, the newspaper writes.

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Fuheis cement plant embarks on sixth kiln project

By Rami G. Khouri
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Jan. 6 -- The Jordan Cement Factories Company Ltd. may have to turn to the Euromarts to complete the financing package for its current JD 16.5 million expansion project, but will also have to undertake yet another, but less expensive, expansion scheme to keep up with domestic demand for cement over the coming five years.

This was revealed to the Jordan Times here today by Mr. Shawkat Shoul, Managing Director of the Jordan Cement Factories Company Ltd. (JCFC), who saw no slowdown for the demand for cement that has been rising at an average rate of about 15 per cent annually over the past four years.

The JCFC raised JD 7.5 million last week in a locally syndicated six-year loan provided by banks and insurance companies in Jordan, but the remaining JD 9 million (about \$30 million) will be raised internationally. The Central Bank of Jordan is acting as agent to raise the money for the cement company. This new loan, when finalised, will also be guaranteed by the Jordanian government.

The portland cement plant at Fuheis now has four kilns with a production capacity of about 1,500 tons per day. The current expansion project, a fifth kiln, will add 2,000 tons per day additional output, and it is this project that is being financed in part by the local loan. The fifth kiln will start producing clinker (ground cement) in July of this year, Mr. Shoul said.

Jordan consumed just over one million tons of cement last year (1978), and the local production at Fuheis accounted for only about half this amount, or some 500,000 tons. The shortfall was made up by importing about 500,000 tons from Europe.

But even with the production of 1,65 tons of cement annually at

Fuheis by 1982, Mr. Shoul says the demand in the country may go even higher than this, and imports may have to continue well into the 1980s. He attributes the high local demand to the continuing housing boom and the construction of a series of large-scale development projects, mostly infrastructural schemes such as the new airport, the Agaba port expansion and various construction schemes.

"If the big schemes continue being built at the current rate, domestic production of cement will not cover domestic demand by 1982," he said.

He rattled off statistics showing that "there is a crying demand for cement in Jordan and throughout the Arab World."

While the average per capita, per year consumption of cement in Europe is less than 300 Kgs., it is 550 Kgs. in Jordan, Syria and Iraq, and about 1,000 Kgs. in the oil-producing Gulf states, he said.

To meet the expected shortfall for the coming two years, the cement company (which has a monopoly on the production and import of cement) has signed agreements with the Paris-based international firm Libexim to import 600,000 tons this year and the same amount again next year. This cement will come in bulk form and will be bagged at the floating silo at Aqaba.

The total of 1.2 million tons of imported cement (coming mostly from Spanish plants) will cost the JCFC \$62.75 per ton stowed on trucks at Aqaba. This compares to a higher domestic retail price of JD 23 per ton, a price which is controlled by the government.

Mr. Shoul says this the cheapest price for cement available in the Middle East.

He also said that a new portland cement plant to be built at Rashidiya, in southern Jordan, would have a capacity of one million tons annually, but this is earmarked totally for export, with East and Central Africa looming as major markets.

Economic News Roundup...

Hijaz Railway project to be discussed

AMMAN, Jan. 6 (JNA)--Minister of Transport Ali Suheimat left for Saudi Arabia today to take part in the meeting of the Supreme Commission of the Hijaz Railway Line between Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia. In a pre-departure statement, the minister said that during the three-day meeting starting tomorrow discussions will deal with the work of a joint technical committee which convened in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia last month to select a consultant firm to prepare an economic and technical study for the railway project.

Jordanian team attends Yarmouk River talks in Syria

AMMAN, Jan. 6 (JNA)--A four-man team from the Jordan Valley Authority and the National Planning Council left for Damascus today to represent Jordan at the meetings of a joint Jordanian-Syrian committee for the Yarmouk River. A spokesman for the Jordan Valley Authority said that the committee will discuss ways for exploiting the waters of the Yarmouk River. Talks will also deal with the construction of the Maqrarin Dam on the Jordanian side of the river which is to start sometime this year. The project, one of the most important irrigation schemes in Jordan, is estimated to cost JD 210 million.

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ANALYSIS

No SALT in Guadeloupe

By Gwynne Dyer

LONDON -- Guadeloupe is a lovely island; and just the place for weary statesmen to soak up some winter sunshine. But the original idea behind the summit meeting of leaders of the big Western countries on this Caribbean island was stultified when the statesmen flew in on Friday.

The summit was meant to discuss a joint US-European policy in the negotiations for a third Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty -- SALT-3. It turns out, however, that we haven't yet got a SALT-2 agreement.

In fact, we don't even have a SALT-1 treaty any more, really. It quietly expired 16 months ago, and has only been kept alive since then by an informal agreement between Washington and Moscow pending the conclusion of a new treaty. But President Carter suggested the Guadeloupe summit last October in the firm expectation that by now SALT-2 would be in the bag.

Battain's Prime Minister James Callaghan, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and France's President Giscard d'Estaing (who issued the formal invitations) all accepted Carter's suggestion with alacrity, because what he wanted to talk about was European defence and SALT-3. Although SALT-2 is intended to run until 1985, negotiations on the succeeding treaty were to start right away, and this round would not just be about the superpowers' strategic nuclear weapons.

The Russians had made it quite clear that next time they also wanted to discuss the thousands of American "theatre" nuclear weapons based in Europe, many of which could reach Soviet targets. The European powers also wanted to discuss "theatre" nuclear weapons as they have been getting very concerned about new Soviet nuclear weapons like the SS-20 missiles, which can strike any European target but are not subject to any limitations under SALT-1 or -2.

Britain and, especially, France, were much less enthusiastic about the Soviet insistence that their own national nuclear forces be included in SALT-3. If these subjects were going to be discussed anyway, however, they wanted to make their own views heard. Since France is not a military member of NATO, some special venue had to be found at which to agree on a joint Western strategy.

Guadeloupe, therefore, was meant to be a discussion of what the big Western European NATO members wanted in SALT-3, and how they were to be represented -- directly or indirectly -- in negotiations. There is no SALT-2 treaty, so the Guadeloupe summit has become, shall we say, a trifle premature.

It is now 15 months since President Carter optimistically predicted that the conclusion of

SALT-2 was only weeks away. The prediction has been repeated by American officials at monthly intervals ever since; together with assurances that 95 per cent of the issues had been agreed. Indeed, after the Geneva summit between US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on Jan. 21-23, 99 per cent of the issues have been

At Geneva last month, even the quest for limits on Backfire bombers and Cruise missiles, which had caused trouble for so long, finally agreed. The sole remaining sticking block was whether a protocol to the treaty, a deadline for Moscow to dismantle 150 medium-range vehicles and lifting restrictions on the deployment of American Cruise missiles, should run mid-1981 or late 1982.

It was not that single minor question that got stuck. There will be no SALT-2, yet, and no visit by President Brezhnev to the United States this month as Mr. Carter had hoped. It's the Guadeloupe summit very little to do with.

It is becoming clear that the Soviets are exactly in a rush to conclude the SALT-2. Their particular reluctance to finalise December probably came from shock at unexpected U.S. announcement that it was ending diplomatic relations with China. But going back over the past year one can discern a pattern of Soviet reluctance to make concessions at a time when their relationship with the West is getting generally worse.

The Russians know perfectly well if delaying, they are endangering President Carter's plans to get the SALT-2 treaty safely ratified by Congress before the issue gets up in the electioneering that will start later this year. Moscow also knows that every few months it has to add further new weapons to the list that must be controlled. (Most of the weapons currently in the latter stages of these negotiations had not even been built when they began, about SALT-2 six years ago.)

One explanation could be that in the armed forces, like those of the U.S., the growing lobby which argues that a SALT-3 is not worth having if it involves even one concession. Another, more ominous explanation would be that the Soviet government is becoming seriously doubtful about the stability of itself.

Moscow could well be waiting to see what Washington's policy develops in key areas -- China, the Middle East and arms exports before it commits itself to any new SALT-3. There is no cause for despair about the future of arms control yet, but there is a reason for concern.



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Archives directorate to set up microform centre

By Breda Finegan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- By the end of 1979 the Directorate of National Libraries, Documentation and Archives (DNLDA) hopes to have established a national microform centre which will be equipped to serve up to 20 subscribers.

DNLDA has a total budget of JD 175,000 for 1979, of which JD 100,000 is to be spent on equipment for microform systems and the national library, Mr. Abdul Kader Samara told the Jordan Times in a recent interview.

The approved budget is in line with the Directorate's needs at present because following discussions in the last month or so with various information specialists, including United Nations experts, it was decided that JD 100,000 would be needed to buy the basic equipment with which to start a national information storage and retrieval centre.

It was also decided at these meetings to invest in a conventional rather than computerised system, which could later be tailored to work with a computerised system, Dr. Ahmad Sharqass, Director General of DNLDA, told the Jordan Times.

Although Dr. Sharqass says he hopes to have as many as 20 government and non-government agencies make use of the new microform centre, so far there are only verbal agreements with about six, including the Passports Department, which Mr. Samara says already has a microform system.

Other agencies showing an interest in using the proposed centre are the Publications Department at the Ministry of Information, the Prime Minister's office and the civil status bureau, which also has its own system but has shown a willingness to integrate systems with DNLDA.

Mr. Samara told the Jordan Times that it is not the primary aim of the directorate to gather information but rather "to organise and store it so it is easier for government and other agencies to have access to it."

Not only does Dr. Sharqass see the setting up of such a centre as a vital necessity to stop the loss of documents, but it is also economically viable.

If any one department wanted to invest in a complete system for its own use, this would cost in the region of JD 20,000. If 20 agencies in Jordan wanted their own separate systems, it would work out to about JD 400,000, and the information would still be scattered.

A mini-zoo for children is also on Mr. Saudi's drawing board. "We are looking for suitable land now, but we need parking space and the location must be outside developed areas," he said. There are plans to import animals from Africa, the Sudan, Egypt and Britain in addition to local species. Later the mini-zoo may serve as a nucleus for a national zoo.

In the meantime, take a walk around your garden to see what it needs for the springtime to keep it growing.

TODAY'S WEATHER

The weather will be partly cloudy with slight rain in the northern regions. Temperatures will stay about normal with winds north-westerly moderate. At the Aqaba Gulf there will be northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

Temperatures:

	Overnight Minimum	Daytime Maximum
Amman	2	12
Aqaba	8	19
Jordan Valley	11	18
Deserts	2	13

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

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 Jordan-Gulf Bank
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 Jordan National Bank

Total volume traded, Saturday, Jan. 6: JD 29,085

Total number of shares traded: 17,673

Government Development Bonds

Total volume traded: JD 6,262

Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
JD 5,000	5,962	6,600	6,620	6,600
JD 10,000	3,459	13,900	13,950	13,950
JD 1,000	862	—	—	1,150
JD 1,000	14,776	—	1,120	1,110
JD 1,000	1,710	1,800	—	1,800
JD 1,000	1,103	1,340	—	1,350
JD 1,000	273	0,900	—	0,910
JD 1,000	230	—	0,920	0,920
JD 5,000	710	7,950	7,200	7,100

Par Value	Volume Traded	Number traded	Year of maturity	Selling price
JD 5,000	250	50	1986	5,010
JD 10,000	5,005	500	1987	10,010
JD 10,000	1,007	100	1988	10,070

people would be needed to run the national centre as would be needed to operate any one system alone.

Departments subscribing to the new centre will not lose easy access to their documents. The original will be sent for copying at the microform centre, one copy will be stored there, one will go back to the department for its own use (each subscriber will be equipped with a reader-printer).

But for the time being, DNLDA will be restricted to using its new equipment for its own documents and archives. In a meeting with the Minister of Culture and Youth Sharif Fawaz Sharif on Thursday Jan. 4, ... under whose auspices the DNLDA operates the new centre, he restricted at first to the documents and archives of the DNLDA itself. It could later, the minister said, start taking subscribers when it was sure it could cope with them efficiently.

The other building will be a specially designed security building at a secret location somewhere outside Amman. Original documents will be stored there once copies have been made and stored for use at the other centre.

There will then be three copies of any document in Jordan: the original stored safely outside Amman, a copy stored in the centre and one copy which will go back to the department from which the original came.

One other stipulation by the minister was that subscribers would pay for the services of the national centre. These details are to be worked out at a later date.

Mr. Samara said that four reader-printers are expected at the directorate this month and the rest of the equipment, including nine cameras with different speeds, six processors and two retrieval systems will be ordered soon. He says they will arrive by about June of this year. It will then be a further six months before the systems are ready and the centre could take on subscribers.

DNLDA are now waiting to hear from the Ministry of Finance about housing the new systems. A letter of intent has been sent to the ministry requesting the use of two

buildings on Jabal Amman which are soon to be vacated by the Natural Resources Authority.

The plan for housing the equipment is that there will be two centres. One inside Amman for easy everyday access. This centre will store the microfilms, microfiches, aperture cards, jackets, microopaque strips, and of course the cameras and processors.

Agencies and individuals seeking information will use this centre.

In the long term DNLDA sees the new national microform centre as serving the whole country and also linking up with regional centres such as the World Data Bank which was established in Beirut in 1975.

Already Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Egypt have national microform centres and the proposed one here in Jordan would be able to use and contribute to these centres. In the meantime, however, it is up to the DNLDA to invest wisely and to make sure soon today by Yemeni president, that once the equipment is bought it is used efficiently and in so doing furthers Jordan's development.

King Hussein receives message from N. Yemeni president

AMMAN, Jan. 6 (JNA) - His Majesty King Hussein today received a message from President of the Yemen Arab Republic Col Abdullah Saleh dealing with our recent Arab developments, ways of consolidating the Arab stand and strengthening of bilateral relations.

The message was delivered to the King at the Royal Court at

National News Roundup...

Research seminar to open

AMMAN, Jan. 6 (JNA) - A seminar on the management of scientific research opens here tomorrow. Representatives from Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia will discuss various aspects of the scientific research programmes in their countries. The seminar is organised by the Royal Scientific Society in cooperation with the Kuwaiti scientific research institute and the Denver research institute in the United States.

Arab seminar on development projects opens

AMMAN, Jan. 6 (JNA) - A five-week seminar to review progress of development projects in Arab states opened at the University of Jordan today. Twenty-five participants representing Jordan, Sudan, Egypt, Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar, The Yemen Arab Republic, The Yemen People's Democratic Republic, Oman, Morocco and Libya are taking part in the seminar to discuss ways of overcoming obstacles impeding the implementation of development projects in the Arab states.

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Gardens Department strives to make Amman green

By Joyce Abou Jassar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- How does your garden grow? As we plan for the springtime that comes after the winter's cold and rain, we must decide what we will do with our gardens, and the person to help us is Mr. Imad Saudi, garden engineer and director of the Gardens Department of Amman Municipality.

"Free trees, shrubs, perennials and annual flowers, free spraying, and free gardening advice are all available to the residents of Amman, whether they are home owners or renting their homes," Mr. Saudi told the Jordan Times.

"Please look after your gardens," Mr. Saudi pleads. "If you detect any plant diseases, contact me for spraying." His office is in Shmeisani in front of the Flying Carpet, next to the entrance of the Haya Arts Centre, and is open daily except Fridays, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The phone number is 65742.

The department will send an agricultural engineer to make a diagnosis of diseased greenery and prescribe the appropriate spray. Workers from the department will then carry out the spraying without any charge to the resident, either for the work done or the spray used.

Trees along the sidewalk and any vegetation outside garden walls are the responsibility of the municipality. If the sidewalk in front of your home needs planting, you can pick from a variety of ten different evergreen or seasonal trees, either imported or local types. Shrubs are also available, as well as a wide range of flowers, including roses, jasmine, carnations, stocks, snapdragons, and many kinds of annual blooms and local varieties for planting in your garden.

If the department is well stocked with particular kinds of vegetation, these can be obtained free of charge. But there is a nominal service charge for the scarcer types.

"When trees are planted the first year, they often appear to dry up and die. But they are only getting acclimated to the new environment," Mr. Saudi advises. A mistake that people often make is to pull up and discard these trees, he said. "If they are left for the second or third year, they will return to life and begin growing."

There is a considerable difference in climatic and soil conditions between east and west Amman. This naturally affects vegetation.

"If the east wind hits some types of trees, they won't die but they won't grow any larger. They will just stay as they are," Mr. Saudi noted.



A street on Jabal Amman shows a touch of welcome colour, thanks to the municipality's gardening department.

Over-watering also can be a problem in the case of trees. Even though the surface of the soil may be dried out, there is moisture deep in the soil," he said. There is enough moisture in the soil to sustain the trees once they are established. That is, after the first year.

Mr. Saudi and his staff of two agricultural engineers, five other personnel with agricultural degrees, nine office workers and 150 labourers are responsible for the landscaping and maintenance of grounds around all army bases and government buildings, for all trees and shrubs planted along the sidewalks of Amman, and for all traffic circles and parks such as the one on Jabal Luweibeh. The total area of parks in Amman is now 199 dunums.

Currently the department is working on the engineering plans for a botanical garden in Ras Al Ain which will be planted with a great variety of flowers. The opening is planned for the spring of 1979. "It will be the most beautiful garden in the Middle East," Mr. Saudi exulted.

An ornithological garden is also under construction in the Shmeisani area and will be the first of its kind in Jordan. A technical adviser has been brought in from Bristol, England, to assist in the completion of plans for outdoor and enclosed aviaries. Two duck ponds will accommodate water fowl. The department hopes to complete this project within the next year.

In addition to representatives of local species, Mr. Saudi is importing canaries from Damascus. They should be able to adjust themselves to the Jordanian climate more readily than canaries bred in Europe. The more delicate birds and those from the tropics will be

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	293.00/295.00
U.K. sterling	592.00/596.00
West German mark	138.40/159.40
Swiss franc	137.80/178.90
French franc	69.20/69.60
Danish krone	35.20/35.40
Italian lira	139.00/149.90
Dutch guilder	146.60/147.50
Belgian franc	100.60/101.20
Swedish krona	67.50/67.90

U.K. football roundup

Leicester pulls
win out of the freeze

LONDON, Jan. 6 (R) -- Second Division Leicester City scored a double triumph over the weather and their First Division rivals Norwich City in the third round of the English Football Association cup today.

Icy weather bit so deeply into the day's programme that only six matches kicked off in England--and one of these was abandoned at halftime--while the

entire Scottish programme was wiped out.

But the match at Leicester, where the pitch had been protected by an inflated plastic sheet, was never in danger and the home team took their chance splendidly, trouncing Norwich 3-0 to move into the last 32 of the cup.

Leicester led 2-0 at halftime through goals by Larry May and Keith Weller and then 16-year-old Martin Henderson

clinched victory with a third after 76 minutes.

In the other two cup matches that finished, Arsenal, last year's beaten finalists, drew 1-1 away to Sheffield Wednesday and Shrewsbury of the Third Division beat Second Division Cambridge, United 3-1.

Meanwhile, the cup tie at Stoke was abandoned at halftime with the home team leading Oldham 2-0.

Norwich goalkeeper Kevin Keelan, 38 today, had little to celebrate as he conceded a 15th minute goal by May, at 19 another of Leicester's promising youngsters, and then let in Weller's goal after a brilliant run by the former England player.

Henderson scored his goal after Keelan had palmed out David Buchanan's shot.

Arsenal, riding high in the First Division, were surprisingly held by Sheffield Wednesday of the Third Division after Alan Sundstrand put them ahead in the tenth minute. Jeff Johnson supplied Wednesday's equaliser a minute after halftime.

Shrewsbury never looked back against Cambridge after winger Paul Maguire scored in the opening minute.

Two Third Division matches were the only games salvaged in the English League. Watford, the division leaders, beat Lincoln 2-0 with both goals being scored by Luther Blissett, while in the other match Hull won 2-1 at Walsall in a relegation tussle.

to one spade, providing you follow it up with a rebid of two hearts. The possibility of a 4-4 heart fit exists, and you would be derelict in your duty if you did not check on it. You can always bid no trump later.

5-5 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦A9 ♠K10754 ♦K107 The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♥ 4 ♠

4 ♥ 5 ♠ Dble. Pass

What do you bid now?

A---Despite the fact that partner does not have much, the hand could still belong to you—if partner has a fit, your hand has excellent playing potential. You might even have a profitable save against an opposing game.

To give yourself maximum opportunity to explore all possibilities, we suggest you introduce your club suit. If you rebid your diamonds instead, you might never get another safe opportunity to show your clubs. Bid two clubs.

Q-6 As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦B52 ♠J107 ♠86 ♠KQ983

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♥ 4 ♠

4 ♥ 5 ♠ Dble. Pass

What action do you take?

A---Bid five hearts. Even though partner is surely short in spades, odds are that one of the defenders might also have a singleton, so your hand is bound to be a disappointment to partner defensively. On the other hand, you need like to have six hearts headed by the king in partner's hand to make five hearts a virtual certainty. This is one case where it is clearly right to overrule partner's penalty double.

Q-7 As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦A9873 ♠5 ♠J7 ♠109862

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass

3 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A---Pass. Partner has denied holding three spades; the would have rebid three spades instead of three no trump with that much support, so the major suit game can be ruled out. An eleven-trick minor suit game might be too much for your slender resources. Since you have already warned partner that you have an unbalanced hand, accept his decision.

Q-8 Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦A883 ♠Q1076 ♠K9 ♠A72

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A---We might have opened this hand with one club to facilitate uncovering a 4-4 major suit fit. However, we have no objection to redouble and then bid hearts.

Q-9 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦A1076 ♠AQ103 ♠KJ109

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

A---You have no convenient bid despite your solid values. You cannot double, for partner will surely take out two hearts, leaving you awkwardly placed. And an overall at the two-level on a four-card suit is simply courtly disaster. Pass and await developments.

Q-10 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦J954 ♠AQJ1072 ♠1095

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South

1 ♠ Dble. ?

What do you bid now?

A---If you play that a jump to two hearts in this situation shows a reasonable hand, that would be our choice. However, modern usage is to treat a jump as preemptive. If that is your style, then you have to bid one heart. You will surely get a chance to bid again. Don't redouble—your hand is too weak to redouble and then bid hearts.

Q-11 Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

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The bidding has proceeded:

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Snow, ice grip much of Europe

PARIS, Jan. 6 (R) -- Fresh heavy snowfalls cut off Paris from the south of France yesterday and much of Europe was still in the icy grip of winter.

Three motorways and all roads between the capital and southern regions were blanketed under 20 centimetres of snow and closed to traffic.

Hundreds of villages and farms were isolated. Only 50 kilometres south of Paris, six-metre high snowdrifts were reported.

Elsewhere in Europe, authorities wrestled with the same problems of iced-over canals, snow-blocked roads and disrupted train schedules.

In West Germany, ice closed every canal and river in the north except for the canal linking the Baltic and the North Sea.

Heavy frosts relaxed in Moscow, but Moscovites braced them-

selves for an expected big freeze later this month.

But at the South Pole, research bases reported the frozen continent of Antarctica was enjoying a midsummer heatwave with

temperatures of nearly ten degrees centigrade.

In London, many roads were still blocked by drifting snow and hundreds of flights from London's Heathrow Airport were cancelled.

Search abandoned for crew of ship lost in English Channel

BRIXHAM, England, Jan. 6 (R) -- Rescuers yesterday gave up hope of saving 15 missing crew from a cargo ship which sank in raging seas in the English Channel two nights ago. The Coastguard said a search by two helicopters, an aircraft, and three warships was called off at dusk.

Only one survivor of the 16 crew was plucked from raging icy seas shortly after the Greek-registered 2,200-ton *Cantonad* went down.

He was named as Jim Dimitrios, 19, and said to be recovering well from severe exposure. Five bodies have been recovered.

GOREN BRIDGE

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AND OMAR SHARIF
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Q-1 East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦QJ10763 ♠J83 ♠Q92

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South

1 ♠ 1 ♠ ?

What do you bid now?

A---Four hearts. You have almost no defensive strength, but you have a very useful hand in playing tricks. This bid also has preemptive value—it seems that the opponents own the spade suit, and you must endeavor to shut them out of the auction.

Q-2 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦AKJ10762 ♠A873 ♠6 ♠8

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♦A883 ♠Q1076 ♠K9 ♠A72

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South West North East

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Investigations reveal:

U.S. approved Israeli sale of helicopters diverted to Rhodesia

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (R)—Eleven American-designed helicopters which turned up mysteriously in Rhodesia months ago were sold originally by Israel for use in Indonesia, U.S. officials said yesterday.

They said investigations had revealed that the sale was approved by the U.S. Commerce Department on the understanding that the helicopters were to be used in logging operations by a private firm.

Now, officials said, there was some question whether the Indonesian firm exists and whether it ordered the helicopters.

The helicopters are Bell 205's, a commercial version of the craft used to ferry U.S. troops during the Vietnam war. They could be significant aid Rhodesia in its counter-insurgency operations.

The transfer violates United Nations sanctions against trade with Rhodesia as well as a U.S. law

covering transfers of American arms to third countries. But U.S. officials believe that Israel did not violate any laws in the sale.

The officials stressed that the license had been granted by the United States on the basis of what appeared to be a legitimate sale proposal.

The helicopters were first spotted on a military airfield near the civilian airport at Salisbury, the Rhodesian capital, in late October.

Last August, the helicopters were loaded on a ship in Haifa but never reached their stated destination of Singapore, and officials said it was not known whether they were unloaded at an intermediate port or on the high seas.

China publishes full text of Deng's news conference

PEKING, Jan. 6 (R) — The People's Daily made the highly unusual move today of printing in full the transcript of a news conference China's Senior Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping) held yesterday for American journalists in which he said Peking would take steps to establish contacts with the authorities in Taiwan.

The Communist Party organ normally carries a brief report of a few lines on meetings between Chinese leaders and foreign visitors.

PEKING, Jan. 6 (R)—A wall poster has gone up in Peking demanding that the body of Chairman Mao Tsetung should be removed from its mausoleum in the centre of the city and setting out a list of sweeping demands ranging from detente with the Soviet Union to abolition of the secret police.

The 19-point document went up in "democracy wall" and attracted a big crowd. It was put up by seven people describing themselves as the Chinese Human

Rights League.

It said: "Citizens demand the thorough eradication of deification and idolatry. They demand that the crystal casket be removed and that it (the mausoleum) be turned into a memorial hall and that a memorial hall be built for (the late) Premier Chou Enlai..." Monday will be the third anniversary of Mr. Chou's death.

The document was regarded as one of the most important to appear in the current free-speech

campaign as it seemed to have been carefully thought out and dealt with a number of subjects believed to be troubling many Chinese.

The poster was in the form of a series of photocopied sheets. Photocopy machines are rare in China although most embassies have them.

Some observers found some of the statements and demands unusual in a Chinese context. These included laudatory references to the Soviet Union and

Bhutto turns 51 in jail

RAWALPINDI, Jan. 6 (R)—Still awaiting a decision on his appeal against the death sentence, ex-Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto celebrated his 51st birthday in jail today.

The birthday was also celebrated by his People's party workers who cut hundreds of cakes in cities and towns all over Pakistan.

Police were posted at key areas in several cities, but there were no incidents involving party workers and no arrests were reported.

Mr. Bhutto is awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court on his appeal against the death sentence after he was found guilty of conspiring to murder a political opponent.

In Islamabad, the People's Party Central Committee called for general elections by March and criticised the policies of the military administration which ousted Mr. Bhutto in 1977.

World News Briefs

"Boat people" willing to go where accepted

HONG KONG, Jan. 6 (R)—About 2,700 Vietnamese refugees, facing a third week crammed on the freighter Huey Fong off Hong Kong, said today they would sail to any free country willing to take them. Hong Kong refuses to let them land on grounds that the British colony is not the ship's first port of call. A spokesman told Reuters in a radio telephone interview, "We are prepared to go to any free country if it will let us land. The refugee spokesman on board the Huey Fong said about 250 people were suffering from diarrhoea, colds and coughs. He asked the Hong Kong authorities to inoculate all on board against cholera, typhoid and malaria to stop a possible epidemic.

Egypt, East Germany sign trade agreement

EAST BERLIN, Jan. 6 (R)—East Germany and Egypt yesterday signed a trade protocol for 1979 under which East Germany will deliver machinery, electronic goods and chemical products and buy cotton and oil in return, the ADN News Agency reported. No further details of the accord, signed by officials in East Berlin, were made public.

Gulf officials vow to stamp out malaria

MUSCAT, Jan. 6 (R)—Gulf health ministers today ended a five-day conference here with a decision to stamp out malaria, endemic in most Gulf states, whatever the cost. Oman Health Minister Umbarah Al Khadouri was quoted by Oman Radio as saying the ministers from six states—Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)—decided to set up a special fund to finance their programme to combat malaria. The programme would get the highest priority and "all administrative and financial obstacles to its success will be removed," he was quoted as saying.

Peking wall poster's heavy demands include removal of Mao's body, detente with USSR

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THE TAX PEOPLE TAKE WHAT THEY HAVE!

Print answer here:

Yesterday's Jumble: BULGY TRYST DOUBLE FEMALE Answer: How to relax completely—"RESTFULLY".

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THE Daily Crossword

by Jay Scott

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4 Coil of yarn	27 Newspaper section, for short	55 Bridge hands	21 Sheep
9 Hofer and Ambler	30 Spray	59 Hunt	24 Puts into symbols
14 Like rush-hour traffic	33 Touch	61 Fitch	26 A Caldwell
16 Cocktail twist	36 Coronation fence steps	64 Mother of Zeus	28 Unit of bricks
17 Better Business Bureau's objectives	38 Timetable	65 Knife handles	29 Bizarre
18 Sap source	39 Timetable	67 Far circles	31 Norwegian king
19 —bitsy	40 Nip	68 Alien	32 Ms. Horne
20 Ham it up	43 Moving vehicle	70 Bewitch	33 Powder
22 Instrument for Homer	44 Smallest	71 Ancient Greek valley	34 Mars.com form
23 Western mountain	46 Bangkok native	72 Very thin	35 Bridge cou
	47 Peron or Saint	73 Anthem composer	37 Slugger M. Vocal pauses
	48 Smugness	51 Match sound with film	42 Islet
	50 Unigird	52 Housecoat	45 Sink a ship
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		54 What old	50 Lease
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		58 Sleuth of fiction	56 Job
		59 Sleuth of fiction	57 Widdup
		60 Staff member	58 Sleuth of fiction
		62 Dr. A. Adenauer	59 Sleuth of fiction
		63 Shorten	60 Staff member
		66 Heavy with	61 Dr. A. Adenauer
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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DET	VIRES	STILT
ERN	SHRED	VIRES
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AKIN	ESE	SESTET
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ESE	SESET	UTURN
SESET	ANTIDYNS	TOME
ANTIDYNS	UTURN	HAN
UTURN	TOME	PAIL
HAN	HAN	UNGIRD
PAIL	UNGIRD	ERDA
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ERDA	ICEBREAKER	SEED
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